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The four following Poems were Receiv'd from the Pindarick Lady.

Revel. chap. 1. from v. 13. to v. 18.

I.

WHO could, and yet out-live the Amaſing ſight!
Oh, who could ſtand the ſtreſs of ſo much Light!
Amidſt the Golden Lamps the Vision ſtood,
Form'd like a Man, with all the awe and luſtre of a God.

II.

A Kingly Veſture cloath'd him to the ground,
And Radiant Gold his ſacred breaſts ſurround;
But all too thin the Deity to ſhrowd; (Cloud.
For heavenly Rays expretly ſhone through the unable

III.

His head, his awful head was grac'd with hair,
As ſoft as ſnow, as melted ſilver fair;
And from his Eyes ſuch active Glories flow. (too.
The conſcious Seraphs well may veil their dimmer faces

IV.

His Feet were ſtrong and dreadful, as his Port
Worthy, the Godlike Form they did ſupport;
His Voice reſembled the Majeſtick Fall (lemn all.
Of mighty Waves: 'Twas awful, great, divine, and ſo-

V.

His powerful hand a Starry Scepter held,
His mouth a threatning two-edg'd ſword did wield,
His Face ſo wondrous, ſo divinely fair, (there.
As all the glorious Lights above had been contracted

VI.

And now my fainting ſpirits ſtrove in vain
The uncorrected ſplendor to ſuſtain,
Unable longer ſuch bright Rays to meet,
I dy'd beneath the Ponderous Load, at the great (Viſion's Feet.

VII.

Till he that doth the ſprings of Life contain,
Breath'd back my ſoul, and bid me live again;
And thus began (but Oh with ſuch an Air, (hear.)
That nothing but a power divine had made me live to

VIII.

From an unviewable Eternity
I was, I am, and muſt for ever be:
I have been dead, but live for ever now.
Amen —— And have in Triumph led the Kings of (Darkneſs too.

To a very Young Gentleman at a *Dancing-School.*

I.

SO when the Queen of Love roſe from the Seas,
Divinely Fair in ſuch a bleſt amaze,
Th' inamour'd watry Deities did gaze.

II.

As we when charming* *Flamvin* did ſurprize,
More heavenly bright our whole *Seraglio's* Eyes;
And not a Nymph her Wonder could diſguiſe.

* 'Twas his Name.

III.

Whilſt with a graceful Pride the lovely boy
Paſs'd all the Ladies (like a *Sultan*) by,
Only he lookt more abſolute and coy.

IV.

When with an Haughty air he did advance,
To lead out ſome tranſported ſhe to dance,
He gave his hand as careleſly as Chance.

V.

Attended with a Univerſal ſigh,
On her each Beauty caſt a Jealous Eye,
And quite fell out with guiltleſs Deſtiny.

To the ſame Gentleman.

AH lay this cruel Artifice aſide,
This barbarous diſtance, and affected Pride;
Or elſe reſign my heart, which is too great
For you in this imperious way to treat.
I know you'r gay and charming as the Spring,
And that I no'r beheld a lovelier thing,
But know as well the influence of my Eyes,
Nor can you think my heart a vulgar prize.

A Paſtoral.

Daphne.

WHY ſigh you ſo, what Grievance can annoy
A Nymph like you? Alas, why ſighs my Joy?
My *Philomela*, why doſt bend thy Head,
Haſt loſt thy Pipe, or is thy Garland dead?
Thy flocks are fruitful, flowry all thy Plain;
Thy Father's Darling, why ſhould'ſt thou complain?

Philomela.

Unfriendly thus, when I expect Relief,
To mock the weightier causes of my grief.

Daphne.

Thou doſt abuſe my Love: How ſhould I gueſs
The unknown Reaſon of thy Tears, unleſs
Thy Birds are fled, or elſe the Winds have blown,
This ſtormy Night, your talleſt Cypreſs down?
Thy Shepherd's true, or I had nam'd him firſt.

Philomela.

Ah! were he ſo, I would contemn the reſt.

Daphne.

Why doſt thou fear it? Not a truer Swain
E're drove his Sheep to this frequented Plain.

Philomela.

Like thee in Ignorance, how bleſt were I?
But Nymph, a falſer thing did never ſigh:
Curſe on his Charms; accurſt the unlucky day,
He ſought by chance his wandred flocks this way;
When gay and careleſs, leaning on my Crook,
My roving Eyes this fatal Captive took,
Well I remember yet with what a grace
The Youthful Conquerer made his firſt addreſs;
How moving, how reſiſtleſs were his ſighs;
How ſoft his Tongue, how very ſoft his Eyes,
When ſpight of all my Natural Diſdain,
I fell a Victim to the ſmiling Swain!
Ah, how much bleſt, how happy had I been,
Had I his lovely killing Eyes ne're ſeen!
In theſe delightſome Paſtures long I kept
My harmleſs flocks, and as much pleaſure reapt,
In being all I hop'd to be, as they,
Whoſe awful Nods ſubjected Nations ſway.
The Shepherds made it all their care to gain
My heart, which knew no paſſion but diſdain,
Till this Young Swain, the Pride of all our Grove,
Into my ſoul infus'd the bane of Love.

Queſt. 1. *By whom were the* Predeſtinarians *firſt called* Hereticks? *Was it not by thoſe who accuſed St.* Auſtin *of Hereſie? And how long is it ſince he fell under that Reproach?*

Anſw. It was undoubtedly the *Semi-Pelagians*, or the Divines of *Marſeilles*, who firſt placed the *Predeſtinarians* in the Catalogue of Hereticks; at which we are no more to be ſurprized, than that in requital the *Predeſtinarians* called thoſe Hereticks who were not of St. *Auſtin*'s Opinion. Bp. *Ward* believed 'twas *Arnobius*, the Author of a Commentary upon the *Pſalms*, who firſt accuſed St. *Auſtins* Doctrine, concerning Predeſtination, of Hereſie, and who gave the Name of *Predeſtinati* to thoſe that maintained his Opinion. The Biſhop thinks, this *Arnobius* lived before *Tyro-Proſper*, *Fauſtus* and *Genodius*. Some have believed he lived in the time of St. *Auſtin* himſelf, becauſe his Commentary upon the *Pſalms* is dedicated to *Laurentius* and *Ruſticus*, Two *African* Biſhops, who was in the Council at *Carthage* the ſame time St. *Auſtin* was. And altho theſe Names are not to be found in any Council of *Carthage*, yet it is not improbable, becauſe we find Two *African* Biſhops, both named *Ruſticus*, who ſigned a Synodal Letter to *Innocent* I. wherein *Pelagius* and *Celeſtius* is condemned. This was written Two Years after the Council held at *Carthage*; wherein the Canons of the Precedent Conncils were confirmed. This Council conſiſted of 217 Biſhops, of which Number St. *Auſtin* was one. But there was but 24 of them ſigned to theſe Councils, amongſt which there was one *Laurentius Foſitanus*. Beſides what may be here inferr'd from hence to prove *Arnobius* Contemporary with St. *Auſtin*, *Eraſmus* has obſerv'd in him many falſe *Latin* words which were in uſe in St. *Auſtins* time.

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